

Amendments to the claims (this listing replaces all prior versions):

- 1-17. (canceled)
18. (currently amended) An ~~automobile~~ audio system for an automobile having a passenger compartment having ~~a plurality of seats~~, said audio system comprising:  
an ~~first~~ audio signal source having a plurality of output channels, ~~said plurality of output channels~~ including a surround output channel; and  
a first plurality of substantially identical electroacoustical transducers for radiating sound waves corresponding to said surround channel;  
wherein said ~~plurality of~~ electroacoustical transducers are positioned in said passenger compartment such that ~~each of said plurality of seats are~~ each of at least two of the seats is positioned substantially identically to, forward of, and in the a direct field of, one and positioned substantially identically relative to a corresponding one of said ~~plurality of~~ electroacoustical transducers.
19. (currently amended) An ~~automobile sound~~ audio system in accordance with claim 18, wherein said plurality of electroacoustical transducers are coupled to said audio signal source by a single equalizer.
20. (currently amended) An ~~automobile sound~~ audio system in accordance with claim 18, further comprising a second plurality of substantially identical electroacoustical transducers, said ~~first~~ audio signal source comprising a left surround output channel and a right surround output channel, wherein said first plurality of electroacoustical transducers are for radiating signals corresponding to said left surround output channel and wherein said second plurality of transducers are for radiating signals corresponding to said right surround output channel, wherein ~~said first plurality and said second plurality of electroacoustical transducers are positioned substantially identically to~~, each of at least two of the seats is forward of, and in the a direct field of, and positioned substantially identically relative to a corresponding one of said second plurality of electroacoustical transducers.

21. (currently amended) An ~~automobile sound~~ audio system in accordance with claim 20, wherein said first plurality of electroacoustical transducers is coupled to said audio signal source by a single equalizer and wherein said second plurality of electroacoustical transducers are coupled to said audio signal source by a single equalizer.

22-31. (canceled)